

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 6, 8, 11-13,15, and 17 are pending.

A notice of allowance was mailed August 29, 2006.

An amendment after allowance was mailed October 9, 2006.

A response denying entry of the amendment was mailed October 17, 2006.

An RCE was filed November 20, 2006 to consider newly cited references in a corresponding international application.

Submitted herewith for consideration is an amendment of the claims as allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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